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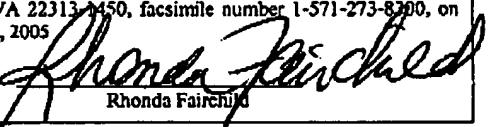
In re Application of: Richard Schmidt et al.
Serial Number: 10/717,297
Filed: November 19, 2003
Examiner: Matthew A. Thexton
Group Art Unit: 1714
For: TRANSITION METAL CARBOXYLATES AS CATALYSTS FOR OXYGEN SCAVENGING

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
DATED JUNE 1, 2005**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated June 1, 2005, for which the three-month Shortened Statutory Period for reply was September 1, 2005. Applicant has filed a request for a one-month extension thereby extending the date for reply to October 1, 2005. Since October 1, 2005, falls on a Saturday, the date for reply becomes October 3, 2005. If any fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 is required for any reason, or should an overpayment be included herein, the Commissioner authorized to deduct or credit the fee from or to Deposit Account 50-1629.

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